

**FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM**

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 3, 2003

**Marathon Garden Club
Mile Marker 49.7 - 5270 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050**

AGENDA

Thursday

8:30 I. Opening Remarks: Mr. Rick Cantrell - Director, Fort Myers District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Mr. Jim Giattina - Director, Water Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

A. Discussion and Approval of Minutes: Mr. Rick Cantrell - Steering Committee
Vote

**B. Discussion Regarding Vacant Seat on the Steering Committee and
Consideration of Adding Additional Representatives:** Mr. Rick Cantrell

C. Review Agenda: Mr. Rick Cantrell

**9:00 II. Annual Reports on the Comprehensive Monitoring Projects for the Florida
Keys National Marine Sanctuary:** Mr. Fred McManus - U.S. EPA, Region 4

A. Water Quality Monitoring Projects: Dr. Joe Boyer - Florida International
University

B. Seagrass Monitoring Project: Dr. Jim Fourqurean - Florida International
University

C. Coral Reef Evaluation and Monitoring Project: Mr. Walt Jaap - Florida
Marine Research Institute

**10:00 III. Report on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Zone Monitoring
Program:** Mr. Billy Causey - NOAA/Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

10:20 IV. Report on Florida Keys Watch Program: Mr. Brad Rosov - The Nature
Conservancy

**10:40 V. Update on the FY 2003-2004 Round of Special Studies Associated with the
Water Quality Protection Program for the Florida Keys National Marine
Sanctuary:** Dr. Bill Kruczynski - U.S. EPA, Region 4

11:00 VI. Update on the Florida Keys Carrying Capacity Study: Mr. Jim Duck - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dr. Bill Kruczynski - U.S. EPA, Region 4, and a Representative of the Carrying Capacity Technical Review Panel

11:30 VII. Public Comment Period

12:00 VIII. Lunch Break

1:15 IX. Review the Proposed FY 2004 Budget for the Water Quality Protection Program: Mr. Fred McManus - U.S. EPA, Region 4, Steering Committee Vote

1:30 X. Current Status of Deutsch Legislation, HR 673 (\$100 Million to Support Upgrades to Wastewater and Storm Water Infrastructure) and Section 109 of Public Law 106-554 (Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Program):
Ms. Shelley Trulock - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

A. Status of State Funding for Wastewater Upgrades in the Florida Keys:
Mr. Geof Mansfield/Mr. Dick Smith - Florida Department of Environmental Protection

B. Status of EPA Grant (\$3.8 Million) to Monroe County for Innovative Decentralized Wastewater Demonstration Project: Mr. Bob Freeman - EPA, Region 4

C. General Discussion on Possible Future Funding Sources/Opportunities/Activities: All Attendees

2:00 XI. Report on Activities of the Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Program Delivery Team: Ms. Cecelia Weaver - South Florida Water Management District

2:15 XII. Report on the Establishment of a Florida Keys Wastewater/Storm Water Workgroup: Mr. Fred McManus - U.S. EPA, Region 4

2:30 XIII. Status of Implementation of the Monroe County Wastewater Master Plan:
Mr. George Garrett - Director, Monroe County Department of Marine Resources

2:45 XIV. Update on the Little Venice Wastewater Management System/EPA Title II Construction Grant: Mr. Jack Teague - Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority

3:00 XV. Status of Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Wastewater Management System for the City of Marathon: Mr. Jack Teague - Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and Mr. Scott Jenke - City Manager, City of Marathon

3:30 XVI. Report on Islamorada's Wastewater and Storm Water Activities:
Mr. Greg Tindel and Ms. Zully Williams - Islamorada, Village of Islands

3:45 XVII. Status of the Key Largo Sewer Board and Associated Activities:
Mr. Robert Sheets - Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District

4:00 XVIII. Update on Status of Legal Concerns/Challenges Associated with F.S. Chapter 99-395 (Wastewater Treatment Requirements - 10 -10 -10 -1): Mr. Jack Teague
- Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and Mr. Geof Mansfield/Mr. Dick Smith -
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

A. Review and Discuss Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority's Proposal to Amend Chapter 76-441, Laws of Florida, to Remove the Requirement that FCAA Observe Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, The Florida Administrative Procedures Act: Mr. Jack Teague - Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, Steering Committee Vote on Proposed Resolution

4:30 XIX. Status of Key West Storm Water Plan: Mr. Gus Rios - Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Mr. David Fernandez - City of Key West

5:00 XX. Public Comment Period

5:30 XXI. Adjourn